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In re application of

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METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAME

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application which were cited in the specification of the present invention. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, are provided herewith.

1. European Patent No. 0 237 043 B1
2. European Patent No. 0 541 546 B1

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Document 1

The relevancy of Document 1 is discussed at paragraph 2 of the present specification. Applicants are not aware of any English language document corresponding to Document 1, but an English language abstract is attached. Further, the claims of Document 1 are in the English language.

Document 1 concerns a sheet material which contains calcium phosphate and which is compatible with a biological medium. It consists of a main body which contains, as main constituent, calcium orthophosphate and on which there is situated at least one outer sheet releasing calcium ions, the release of calcium from the sheet being greater than the release of calcium from the main body. The sheet material, which can be used as a temporary or permanent bone replacement substance, is produced by treatment with an acid or application of a sheet containing calcium compounds and subsequent heating between 400 and 1000°C.

Document 2

The relevancy of Document 2 is discussed at paragraph 3 of the present specification. Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to Document 2. Document 2 contains claims in the English language. A copy of the Abstract of World Patent Number 91/07357, which is in the patent family, is attached.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after three months from the application's filing date but before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits,

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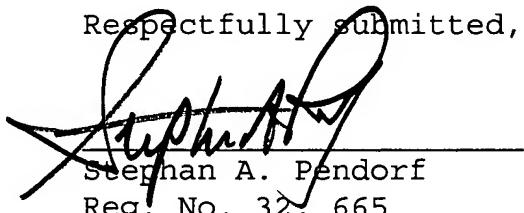
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The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

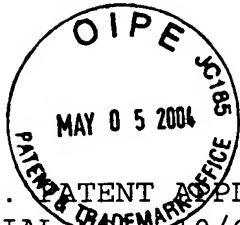
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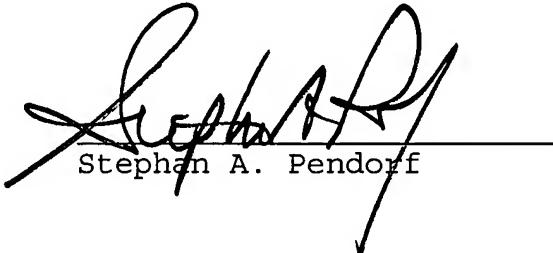
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application, except for the issue fee, without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.



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